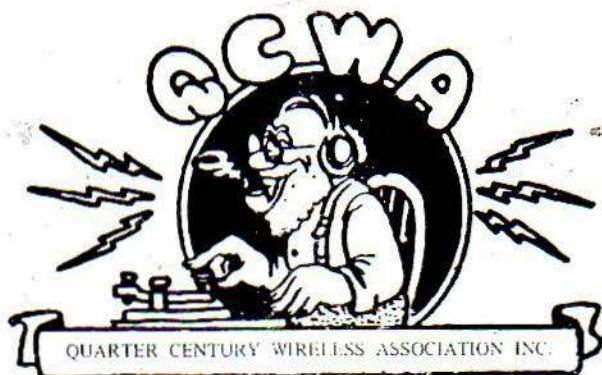


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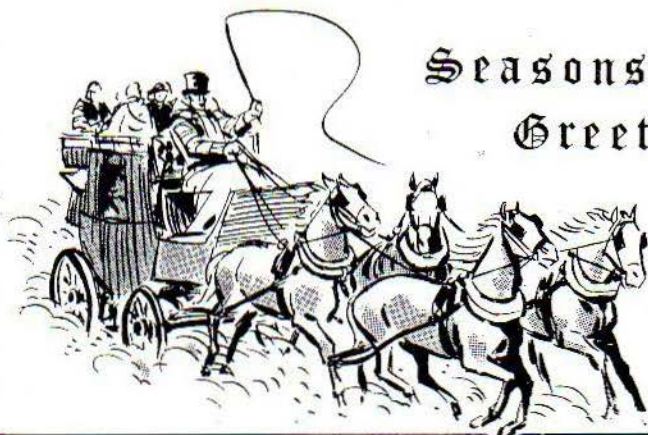
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HEADQUARTERS NEWS

We have good news and bad news to report this time. First the good news. QCWA is growing by leaps and bounds. We had 45 new members in September, 65 in October and 82 in November! Chapter activity is at an all time high and we now have 77 chapters. People are working on forming new chapters in at least eight other areas - including two overseas. All of this, of course, is leading to more material for the Newsletter.

Now the bad news. Costs of everything have been going up - including printing and postage. So the bigger and better Newsletter and bigger and bigger yearbooks mean bigger and bigger expenses. The present dues just won't cover it.

At the October 26 meeting of the Board of Directors, two actions were taken. First, action was started on obtaining the IRS Code 501 (c)(3) non-profit status (scientific and educational) which will permit us to qualify for the non-profit postal permit. This can mean a savings of over \$1,000 a year. Be sure to read the proposed amendment to the QCWA Constitution in the center spread (pages 23-26) and return your ballot promptly so that we can proceed with the necessary legal work.

The second action was to vote to increase the dues, effective March 31, 1975. An increase in dues has been discussed and postponed by the Board a number of times over the past two years. You really have been getting a pretty big bargain. What other organization can you belong to for only \$2.33 a year and get as much out of it as you are getting out of QCWA? An increase of \$1 per year is now considered absolutely necessary in order to cope with the inflated costs of everything and to provide increased services to the membership. We hope you will agree it is still a bargain.

NEW DUES SCHEDULE

After March 31, 1975, dues will be increased to \$10.00 for three years. Life Memberships will increase to \$50. The \$3 entry fee remains the same.

Until March 31, current rates will apply to all new memberships, advance payment of dues and conversions to Life Member.

New Membership (regular)	\$7.00 + \$3.00 entry fee = \$10.00
New Membership (Life)	\$35.00 + \$3.00 entry fee = \$38.00
Advance dues	\$7.00 for each three years
Conversion to Life Member	\$35.00
Reinstatement	\$5.00 + \$7.00 advance dues.

AFTER MARCH 31, 1975

New Membership (regular)	\$10.00 + \$3.00 entry fee = \$13
New Membership (Life)*	\$50.00 + \$3.00 entry fee = \$53
Advance dues - and	\$10.00 for each three years
Delinquent dues	
Reinstatement	\$5.00 + \$10.00 advance dues.
Conversion to Life Member	\$50.00

* Time payments may be made on the new Life Membership, over a one year period, according to the following schedule:
1st payment with application - \$25; 2nd payment \$15; 3rd payment \$10.

Now is the time to take advantage of that \$35 Life Membership

DUES NOTICES

We are trying to save some money this year by using a stamp on the cover of your Newsletter to advise if your dues are due this year. There will probably be some snafus and, obviously, some of you who have paid dues very recently will still get the notice. But please be patient with us until we have a chance to work out the kinks. We will send first class notices to those who have not paid before the March 31 deadline. But that means 10¢ postage plus the cost of printing the notice and envelope. We would like to save that money if possible.

NAME DIRECTORY

There seems to be quite a bit of interest in the proposed alphabetical-by-name directory. We hope to start working on it sometime in the spring. Sample listings will be shown in the Newsletter and orders will be taken prior to printing - so we can be certain that the book will pay its own way. Let us know if you have any suggestions for it. We have received several excellent ideas. (See "Pandora's Box" on page 35.)

Thanks for the many nice letters. I am sorry that I haven't been able to answer all of them, but I assure you they are much appreciated. Where changes and corrections have been pointed out, I have taken appropriate action and I'm still hoping to get around to writing each of you. In the mean time, sincere Best Wishes for a most Happy 1975.

Ethel - K4LMB

THE NATIONAL QCWA CONVENTION

By Bob David, W4YK

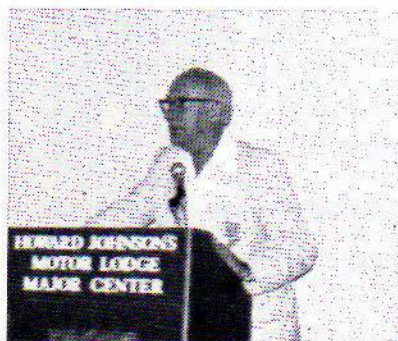
Hard work, excellent planning, manpower and cooperation were the ingredients which put together QCWA's first full-scale Convention at Orlando, Florida, October 25th and 26th. It was a huge success.

The annual affairs, in the past, consisted of a gathering of the clan in an afternoon at some hotel or motel, followed by a banquet and program in the evening. It was called the "Annual Meeting." Florida QCWAers delighted to have the meeting in Florida called theirs a "Convention" and that it was, in the true sense of the word.

Here's how it all went together. The Florida QCWAers have a Council of QCWA Chapters, one man from each Chapter is designated as a Councilman. In order to "kick off" promotion at an early date, each Chapter was asked to donate money to the Council. Chapters contributed in proportion to the numbers of their membership with the understanding that they would get their money back in the event that the Convention broke even. (They did, plus a small bonus.) National Headquarters contributed \$200 to help this fund. The Council then became the "Sponsor" of the Convention. Prior to the Convention, the Council met eight times in Orlando to set up the program, make hotel arrangements, decide upon the banquet (which was excellent) and arrange for a myriad of other details so necessary for a successful Convention.

Next came the Host Chapter. In this case it was the Citrus Chapter with headquarters in Orlando. It was from this group that the manpower came to carry on the necessary work during the actual Convention. They had the men - they did the job. Without them, such a meeting would not have been possible.

The overall program at the Convention was simple but effective. Beginning with the Chapter Forum Friday at 3 p.m., the ARRL meeting Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and the business meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon, everything went like clockwork. There were no diversions or conflicting meetings - nothing to divert attention from the subject at hand. In consequence, all sessions drew capacity audiences. The



Chapter Forum was particularly interesting since twenty Chapters were represented. The ARRL session drew undivided attention, thanks to the Southeastern Division ARRL Vice Director and the ARRL's representative, W1RU. At the general business meeting, QCWA's President, Frank Gunther, W2ALS, reported on the actions of the Board of Directors and listened to comments, both pro and con, from the floor. Constructive comments were received from many who attended. The

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other officers and directors listened to the comments with much interest.



The Honorable Robert E. Lee, the senior Federal Communications Commissioner of them all, made an outstanding address. (See page 6). We all felt that we had a good friend in him after he had finished. He had good news and bad news. Good news in that the Communications Commission regards the amateur highly and bad news that the average age of the amateur operator was increasing and our growth slowing. Mention was made of the possible restoration of the 160 meter band to all its pristine glory, possibility of additional frequencies in the spectrum (wouldn't it be nice to have a section someplace between 10 and 12 KHz?) and the extreme importance of the upcoming ITU meeting.

You probably noticed that I have avoided the use of names or calls. To be perfectly honest, I was afraid to do it. I knew I would miss someone. Certainly, our special kudos to the members of the Council, to the members of the Citrus Chapter and to the presidents of all of the Chapters. From all of us who were fortunate enough to attend the Convention, a heartfelt salute and our bestowal of the title of Mr. QCWA of 1974 to all of the Floridians!

Bob, W4YK.

1975 QCWA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Where is our National QCWA Convention going to be held this next year? Would your Chapter like to put in a bid? We are open to offers.

Several possibilities have been suggested. WØHG would like to see it in Kansas; San Diego has expressed some interest; Dallas could do it up in true Texas style; Washington, D.C. might run it in conjunction with the National ARRL Convention (a day or two before or after.) What are your ideas?

Let us know soon so plans and advertising can get underway. Headquarters will offer assistance if you wish and the Florida council can provide a check-off list of do's and don't's from their most successful 1974 convention. Submit your bid to the Executive Secretary, outlining why your Chapter and your area have the most to offer for the 1975 QCWA National Convention.

A TRIBUTE AND A CHALLENGE

By Robert E. Lee

Following is a review of comments made by FCC Commissioner The Honorable Robert E. Lee before the 27th annual convention of the QCWA in Orlando, October 26. Commissioner Lee is approaching the Quarter Century mark in his service with the Commission. He will have been with the Commission longer than any other individual. He leaves no doubt that he is a friend of Amateur Radio.

...Tonight I would like to state my opinion of the value of Amateur Radio to our country and also to the world of telecommunications. ...It is not my intent to chronicle all the good deeds of Amateurs over the years. In recent years, however, their performance in emergency situations deserves high marks; such as during the Nicaraguan earthquake about a year ago, and more recently the "Fifi" Hurricane disaster in Honduras. These instances are plus marks in relation to your occupancy of the spectrum.

...Amateur Radio is a consuming avocation in ones' youth; often an indispensable foundation for a professional career in electronics, and a source of tremendous pleasure and interest later in life. ...In the tempo of the times, it would be well to realize that Amateur Radio is subject to scrutiny. ... the Amateur population in the United States is decreasing at the present time by about 350 licensees per month. This is happening while all other services are increasing. The Citizens Radio Service is approaching the one million mark. I think this is a serious matter for Amateur Radio, because it tells me something is wrong. I can't believe that the allure of "ham radio" has disappeared, nor that our youth are so blasé in the space age that they no longer get a thrill out of having their own private laboratory with which to field test their equipment on the air. So, while most other services are increasing their numbers several fold, the median age of the typical Amateur is now over 40 years. While I am not in a position to suggest a total cure for this situation, it does seem to me that there are some potential remedies which might increase the "squeak factor" of the Amateur Radio Service.

The Amateur and Citizens Division of the Commission is seriously studying a re-structuring of the Amateur Service which, among various things, would make provision for a "no-code" amateur license authorizing operation above 144 MHz. In addition, it would amend the license structure so as to enable licensees in the VHF/UHF region, after further qualifying, to eventually merge and amalgamate their interests and operations with those whose interests are primarily in the HF portion of the spectrum.

...There is a philosophy among (frequency) allocators that says, "...if you don't use it, you lose it." I'm not predicting the loss of Amateur Radio operations in this portion of the spectrum, but I would urge you to engage in long range planning
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to ensure that the "use it or lose it" philosophy doesn't grab you while you're not looking.

Amateur Radio has a tremendous value to mankind, not only in this country where we permit and encourage amateurs to participate in emergency communication, but in relation to the other aspects of the "Basis and Purpose" of Amateur Radio.

...What about the future of Amateur Radio? You know that there is scheduled a General World Administrative Radio Conference of the ITU in 1979, at which the entire radio spectrum will be studied, evaluated and considered for reallocation among the various users. In this country we have already begun our investigation of the required spectrum for all our services. This will continue for the next several years, until we decide what the United States' position will be at the Conference. No one can say yet what the United States' position will be for the Amateur Service. ...In my experience in ITU conferences, I have learned that there is no substitute for advance preparation. There is no magic that can take the place of planning and liaison with other countries. This is especially true today with the voting structure of the ITU. As long as we determine allocations on a voting basis, which I question, there is just no other way to further your proposals.

...The QCWA can be an influential force in this planning stage for the future of Amateur Radio. Recognizing the present transitional phases of communications, there was never a better opportunity to improve your allocation status, especially in the high frequency portion of the spectrum. I don't mean it will be easy nor pre-ordained. But if it is to ever happen, the 1979 Conference is the arena for the decision.

Your Amateur Satellite program is well on its way. OSCAR 7 is due to be launched any day now. ...I envisage the day when Amateurs will have a global satellite system utilizing near geostationary orbits for their satellites. The areas of innovation have probably passed from the terrestrial sphere to the spacial arena, but that should be no insurmountable barrier to Amateurs' contributions to future technical developments. Circumstances may well inhibit individual inventions in such a complicated field. But in a professional capacity with the background of Amateur Radio, innovation can be enhanced and I believe that Amateurs will continue to make a large contribution in the technical field.

By now you should know that I believe in Amateur Radio. I believe it is a valuable aspect of our life. And I shall do everything in my power to assist in its continued well-being, looking toward its further contributions to our national telecommunication requirements.

I wish you all the best of success.

18th ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY

It's QSO Party Time again - time to renew old acquaintances and practice up on your CW, or to lay up a stock of throat lozenges! No matter how you like it, it's available in the QSO Party.

Back in 1957 Stan Belliveau in a moment of inspiration started the first QSO Party. It was made into a real success by Dr. Spike, W7OS and Charles Emigh, W7ER. In recent years the Party has seemed to concentrate only on making a large score, but this is only an appearance. Many members get in on the Party with sure knowledge that they'll be able to QSO old friends across the USA - and the world.

This year, the Houston Chapter has accepted responsibility for the scoring of Party Logs. As in the past, the Sponsoring Chapter was invited to submit its recommendations as to rules for the Contest portion of the Party. Houston Chapter has come up with a new plan, which seems to be a good one. Read the rules carefully, and please participate in Your QCWA QSO Party.

The 18th ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY will be held this year on
February 7, 8 and 9, 1975.

The Party begins at 2400 GMT, Friday, February 7 and ends at 2400 GMT on Sunday, February 9. Please take part. Make it the biggest and best ever.

Contacts

Every contact made with another QCWA member will count as a single point. Repeat contacts on other frequencies will not count for additional points.

Multipliers

Every member will use a multiplier of one (1) for each QCWA Chapter contacted. Branches of Chapters are not counted as separate Chapters. A Chapter can be counted only one time as a multiplier.

QCWA-ers not affiliated with a Chapter will count as a contact, but will not provide a multiplier. Whenever you contact such a member, invite him to join a chapter.

In addition to Chapter multipliers, the National Officers and Director list will provide an additional multiplier. W2ALS, W6ATC, K4IDC, W1DJ, K4LMB, W4YK, W0HG, W8KW, W4QR and W2KW will each count as a multiplier of one (1).

QCWA members affiliated with more than one Chapter may use any bona fide affiliation, but they must use the same Chapter affiliation throughout the QSO Party event.

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OFFICIAL RULES

- Frequencies Any authorized frequency is permissible, but most work will be within about 5 kHz of the following frequencies:
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|--------|---|---|-------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| CW | - | 3550, | 7050, | 14050, | 21050, | 28050 kHz |
| SSB/AM | - | 3900, | 7240, | 14270, | 14340, | 21390, 21435, 28600. |
| RTTY | - | 3595, | 7095, | 14095, | 21070, | 28070 kHz |
| FM | - | 146.55 simplex, and, of course, any repeater. | | | | |

Stay as close to these frequencies as possible. If you meet an old friend and want to rag-chew, move up or down 10 to 15 kHz. Above all, be courteous to all amateurs!!

- Exchanges - In the interest of brevity and ease of logging, Contest QSO's might follow the format below:

W6FQ de W3IN Hr Nr 3 MD Don QSL? K.(Reply)
W3IN de W6FQ QSL Nr 3 - hr Nr 7 LA Herb QSL? K

In any event, the exchange shall provide the member's QSO number, Chapter affiliation (if any) and name. Members not belonging to any Chapter may use the identification "AL", meaning at large. Membership numbers may be exchanged, but are not required for the contest log.

- Logs - To make the work of the judges easier, and to fit the format of the suggested Contact Exchange, a sample log is shown on page 33. Such a format is not required. This is only a suggestion.

It is the responsibility of each contestant to provide a legible Log, and to list all claimed contacts and multipliers. He shall calculate his own claimed score. Log sheets will not be returned, so send copies if you want to retain the originals. A sample calculation of score is shown on page 33.

The Houston Chapter, sponsors of the 18th Annual QSO Party, have named a committee who will judge the contest logs and who are responsible for the final scoring. It is a rule that their decision is final! The committee is made up of:

Monty Montemayor, W5YZ, Chairman
Otho Lindsey, W5FR; Jerry Sears, W5AIR,
C.B. Scott, W5GPD; Lee Ruetz, W45RDO and
Wayne Stenback, W5MDV.

Logs should be scored and sent to W5YZ,
QCWA Houston Chapter
PO Box 55254
Houston, Texas 77055

- Plaque - QCWA provides a handsome Plaque to the winner of the ANNUAL QSO PARTY COMPETITION. The plaque is engraved with the winner's name, call and score.
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1975 ACTIVITIES

W5EJ Report

We are planning a number of new activities this year for QCWA members. Your comments will be appreciated. The first in 1975 is, of course, the QSO Party. (See page 8). Do try to take part, and send your logs even though you only make one or two contacts. If you have any complaints, please address them to W5EJ, not the sponsoring Chapter. The same goes for any suggestions for changes and improvements in the QSO Parties.

NEW CERTIFICATES

We are proposing some new certificates for QCWA members who are real Certificate Hunters. If we get Board approval, we will offer a WORKED 60 CHAPTERS certificate to members who send in proof of having contacted QCWA members in 60 different chapters. Who will earn Certificate #1?

Would you like to have a QCWA WAC Certificate? We have members in all continents now - although it might be a challenge to get verification from some. Write W5EJ.

WORKED 100 MEMBERS CERTIFICATE

With respect to the "Worked 100 Members" certificate - the last issue indicated certificates would be issued and numbered, starting with number 1. We have now received records indicating that 33 such certificates were already issued. It is our intention to now number all such certificates beginning with number 34. All those who have written requesting a certificate will receive it in due time. We might add that if you have worked 100 members in any QSO Party since 1972, all that is needed is your request. The Party records will be sufficient proof of your qualification.

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys

W1ZO/W2BA	Fullerton Webster #3352	K4ME	George Wetmore #5101-L
W1BEX	Curtis Tibbets #6618	W4TCO	George Reed #5178
W2ASQ	Dallas Fogg #4634	W6FGQ	N.L. Madsen #5503
W2MZ	Harvey Wannemacher #8536	K6HZ	E.E. Johnson #2355
W2NIV	L.D. Lemaire #1217-L	K6SY	John Walter #6981
W3DAN	Richard Braue #4309	W6UL	Joseph Dockendorf #568-L
W4ACT	Donald Queeney #2532	W7DTK	Fred Schoesler #3153
W4BJ	Ray Farwell #34 (Charter)	W8AKQ	Marvin Barrick #1195
K4CDP	Clarence Wright #6607	W8WZ	Dr. H.E. Stricker #893
W4DWD	Julius Bamberg	W8AY	Robert Whitmer #4047-L
W4EU	Earl Carter #4648-L	G6LK	Edward J. Laker #6280
W4JLW/W4WAT	Christopher Davis #4612	VE3ANB	W.E. Rogers #3058
W4KRC	James Bingham #5347	VE3DU	David Hutchinson #1429-L
W4PUE	Theo Anderson #6884		

Please advise Headquarters of all Silent Keys

NEW MEMBERS

K6BPY	Decker	#9129	WA4HTC	Brenner	#9184L
W2WHB	Wiesen	#9130	W2VMN	Ewing	#9185
W7LWM	Gilkison	#9131	W6FQO	Carlson	#9186L
W0BYC	Courtney	#9132	W5OTD	Cortese	#9187
K6DS	Gabrielson	#9133L	W5HKB	Jones	#9188
W6IWR	Overeynder	#9134	W7DFY	Wills	#9189
W3UV	Jochimsen	#9135L	W9EXG	Nelson	#9190
W6EMH	Marx	#9136	W4DJF	Mixon	#9191
W9IHW	Bonow	#9137L	W3ETZ	Claypool	#9192
W1WMZ	Poplosky	#9138	W2ENM	Yatter	#9193L
W4LLJ	Hall	#9139	W2GK	Dowd	#9194
W6DOE	Bergtold	#9140	W1RLO	Wright	#9195
K4GCY	Darby	#9141	W5FD	Wingfield	#9196
K0KO	Koffke	#9142	W9RFS	Russell	#9197
WA4KEZ	Rastellini	#9143	W2IVX	Kienzle	#9198
K4GVD	Boardman	#9144	K5DEC	Whitcomb	#9199
W6FSJ	Peirce	#9145	W9CGJ	Lugar	#9200L
K4JWJ	Morton	#9146	WB5GEN	Harrell	#9201
W4JMU	Carpenter	#9147L	VE1DT	Cosman	#9202
DL1YK	Kiesau	#9148	W8KFW	Leiby	#9203
YN1AA	Parker	#9149	W2VTU	Babula	#9204
K4KOD	Frost	#9150	W5FZ	Clayton	#9205L
W6ZMX	Erickson	#9151	W0CVN	Mark	#9206
VE1NZ	Mills	#9152	W5FMQ	Lee	#9207
W6NEM	Brown	#9153	K4OZ	Godwin	#9208L
W8JDL	Althaus	#9154	W9ANC	Maxwell	#9209
W9QLU	Willoughby	#9155	W4IUC	Coffey	#9210
K6IZ	Fischer	#9156	WB8NXH	Dawsey	#9211
W0WZR	Bowman	#9157	W9GDM	Sanders	#9212
W5HXO	Neher	#9158	W4NDY	Strode	#9213
WB2FIP	Bruns	#9159	W0MAR	Alderman	#9214
W2VFF	Shea	#9160	W8ZKL	Shebal	#9215
W4LNN	Brown	#9161	W0MNN	Berry	#9216L
W3ZJ	Meehan	#9162	W7VFT	Powell	#9217L
W9BEW	Blakeslee	#9163	WA0LYX	Dinsmore	#9218L
W8BKO	Adams	#9164L	W6WGG	Mills	#9219
W6NHU	Gerig	#9165	W6DVB	Tallmon	#9220
WB8IZJ	Towne	#9166L	W6MSW	Van Vorst	#9221
W0PF	Bandy	#9167	W6BTO	Newsome	#9222
W0LNZ	Borst	#9168L	W4IFU	Wallis	#9223
W9GHO	McDaniel	#9169L	K4NM	Hillman	#9224
W9SQH	Sublette	#9170	W9DNP	McGee	#9225
W8PCX	Austin	#9171	W4TOD	Hall	#9226
W2BZF	Doscher	#9172	K4KWA	Coash	#9227
W3IKB	Kanuck	#9173	K4FVV	Ziemnisky	#9228
W0PBX	Horn	#9174	K4GWM	Waytalak	#9229
W5IBX	Northern	#9175	K4FI	Trier	#9230
K4IYS	Bogart	#9176	WA4DRW	Giarratana	#9231
W2LHQ	Cantor	#9177L	W4DVR	Britton	#9232
TU2EF	Ryland	#9178	W4XTO	Ehrhorn	#9233
W6DGL	Naschke	#9179L	W6OZL	Fleming	#9234
W5JFT	Cook	#9180	W2CTL	Platt	#9235
W2CUU	Jones	#9181	W0MFC	Adams	#9236
W5IGX	Doggett	#9182L	W7MIU	Edmunson	#9237
W7LVT	Turner	#9183	W0JUJ	McCarty	#9238

W2VSN Dooley #9239
W5TZF Bertholf #9240
W2VXH Hardwick #9241L
W3WRX Laubscher #9242
WB6GCH Sawyer #9243
W6PDS Euler #9244
W2BKI Gleason #9245
W6SK Campbell #9246
W4AAY Saxon #9247
W2KQ Lorini #9248
W4QX Platt #9249
K4FDR Osborne #9250
DL3MO Cramer #9251
W6QMV Chavez #9252
W0SEJ Mann #9253
W3SPG Miller #9254
K4IPL Fay #9255
W3GPI Littlefield #9256
W0AZH Schlickbernd #9257
W5PNB Long #9258
W4PAH Lane #9259
W4AVS Gougler #9260
W4MTB Reynolds #9261L
W0MI Herron #9262L
K6GTX Smith #9263L
W0BBB Corrigan #9264
W2LEZ Doddridge #9265
VE3BLZ Brownlee #9266
VE3DL Derry #9267
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W0SPF Stanton #9297
W4ISS Simpson #9298
W9GFA Besinger #9299
W3FJ Money #9300
K7AJ Allen #9301
W0PL Davenport #9302
W9AOP Blase #9303
W6NBJ Hannah #9304
K4DVI Murdock #9305
W3PDM Rainey #9306
W5JTR Broyles #9307
W1PZU Harris #9308
VE2JT Montgomery #9309
VE3HN Locock #9310
VE3QW Stickney #9311
W4WW Roberts #9312
W8CUR Nungesser #9313
W5UMR Downer #9314
W4DNU Lenkerd #9315
W2RML McNelis #9316
W2KBI Struble #9317
W6ULU Peasley #9318
VE6LQ Butchart #9319
W2ID Higgins #9320
W4QBY Seaver #9321
W8JAY Allinger #9322
W0RHS Bostwick #9323
W3MIM Taylor #9324
W9KQB Woida #9325L
W0HWP Straub #9326
W0QF Boyce #9327
W2KWE Eckhart #9328
W2QBB Collier #9329
K6CAZ Butler #9330L
W2JDC Campbell #9331
W2UBR MacQueen #9332
W4RUW Wright #9333

Corrections

W6GJR Andreoni #8933
W2AIQ Knedlhans #9098-L
W6TYR Tiffin #9092
W5QNT Ditmore #9120-L

Tell your friends about
QCWA. We want every 25
year amateur to become
a member.

HUSBAND-WIFE TEAMS

We have a growing number of QCWA Husband-Wife teams, where both are QCWA members. Let us have more pictures of you.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST

W6PA & W6DOY



METROPOLITAN NEW YORK

W2JDG & W2JZX



NEBRASKA CHAPTER

WØDMQ & WØNAM



WØMYT & WØQYM



OLD TIMERS CORNER

We have quite a number of good pictures and QSL cards from members and the "Old Timer's Corner" will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter. If you have material which you believe would be of interest to QCWA, please send it to W5EJ. All material will be returned if you request it.

YFs FOREVER

The "Down with XYLs" comment in the September Newsletter brought a good deal of response. Most of it was favorable, but those who objected were quite vehement about it! I think the main trouble was that my poor attempt at humor was taken as a militant demand.

Actually, the campaign against "XYL" has been going on for years, so I can't take all the credit (or the blame) for the idea, but it looks like that article really pulled the plug! It was reprinted in a number of publications and the term "YF" is being quite generally adopted.

There is no point in using a term that is considered objectionable by a good many people. So "YFs" it is (or WF as some Phillips code men have suggested.) We just aint gonna use XYL no more!

K4LMB

(Thanks for your many nice letters. I wish I could have answered them all. They were much appreciated.)

THE XYL OF IT

By Rosiland Wilkerson.
Via FLORIDA SKIP

When he courted me, for the most part
He lovingly called me "Sweetheart."
Then came marriage and I'd hear
An enduring patience as he called me "Dear."
Along came the children, and often as not
"Papa" would call me "Mama" quite a lot

All these names I've taken in stride
And accepted them with an amount of pride
Comes our golden age, and what do I hear?
Nothing sentimental, cute or dear,
But initials; And please tell me how in the hell
Can I accept being called an "XYL" !!!

18th ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY - Continued

The plaque is sent to the winner as soon as possible after the QSO Party. It is held by the winner for that year, being returned to W5EJ by February 1 of the next year. It will be engraved each year and passed to the new winner. In the event that one contestant wins the Plaque three consecutive years, it becomes his permanent property. This event came about in 1974 when Don McClellon, W3IN, won the Plaque for the third consecutive year. A new and beautiful plaque has been obtained and is engraved with the QCWA emblem. It is awaiting your name at the head of the list. See you in the Party.

Ted Heithecker, W5EJ

AKRON, OHIO CHAPTER

Next Meeting January 23

The Akron, Ohio Chapter held a dinner meeting at Young's Restaurant in Akron on September 26, 1974. Thirty-two were in attendance. The entertainment consisted of an African Safari slide show which was presented by Robert Shupe, K8BDK. Many thanks, Bob. The group sure enjoyed the show.



Chapter President Sam Carr, W8UGF presented Len Strobel, W8BSR with a Golden Anniversary Certificate. Congratulations, Len, and may you be blessed with many more years of good health and happiness.

The group was also honored with the presence of two guests, namely Elizabeth Minch, widow of silent key Cecil, W8QYI, and Brother Donald Staffes, CSC, WB8HFY, Science teacher at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron.

W8UGF

W8BSR

Greetings to our newest member, Perry Towne, WB8IZJ.

Perry became a Life Member and holds QCWA #9166L. Happy to have you aboard, Perry.

W8PWA, Chuck Ports and wife are basking in the Florida sun and W8BSH, Joe Mullin and wife are visiting Las Vegas, Nevada. Enjoy yourselves and come back to us safely. Ken Felter, K8KTH is in Meadow Brook Hospital, Belle Chasse, Louisiana recovering from open heart surgery. Ken, keep your chin up. We are all rooting for a speedy recovery and safe return to Akron.

The next chapter dinner meeting is scheduled at Young's Restaurant on January 23, 1975, so please keep this date open as election of officers is scheduled. The Chapter members are again most grateful to Bob Vaughn, W8KJZ for the fine photos.

Many thanks to Gus Gironda, W2JE for the magnificent job for the past ten years. We all wish you a speedy recovery with good health and happiness to you and your lovely wife. Greetings to our new Executive Secretary, Ethel Smith, K4LMB. We all wish you lotsa luck in your new endeavor.

In closing, the members of the Akron Chapter wish all of the officers and QCWA members a Blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year.

Chet, K8GRO

Photo by Bob Vaughn, W8KJZ

ARIZONA CHAPTER

The Arizona Chapter, QCWA, held its annual Fall business meeting on 27 October, 1974 near Florence, Arizona. The occasion was a pot-luck affair and the location was a picnic area along the beautiful Pioneer Pinal Parkway. In spite of threatening weather, there were approximately 20 members with their YLs and guests. Among the guests was the Arizona Ham of the Year, W7EAH, John Taylor and YF, Betty, W7GFF.



An interesting fact that should be noted here was the number of husband and wife "hams" in attendance. W7HNT, Ken and YF WA7OVX, Vel; W7QNC, Huddy and YF Irène, K7EIM; W7EAH, John and YF W7GFF, Betty; W7AYO, Al and YF W7ZMI, Omega; K7NTG, Lucky (Chapter Secretary) and YF K7OBR, Mabel.

K7NTG noted that information in the 1974-1975 Yearbook revealed an additional number of individuals to be added to the chapter roll, which now brings our membership up to approximately 106 members. (Incidentally, the new additions have been contacted and welcomed to the area.) This increase may make the chapter eligible for bulk rate postage. Financially the chapter has enough in the kitty to put out one more newsletter. With the across-the-board increases in everything from pencils to postage stamps, the funds were getting very low and all contributions, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. It was also noted that this is the first request for contributions since November, 1972.

The chairman was prepared to appoint a nominating committee to select nominees for chairman and vice-chairman for 1975 but a motion was introduced to extend the tenure of these two offices so each term would now be for two years, with the incumbents being eligible for re-election if they agreed and the membership approved. The motion was approved unanimously. W7HXM agreed to continue as chairman for another term and will submit a name for vice-chairman in the near future. Adoption of this procedure eliminates a very large annual administrative burden, eases the financial problem, and provides a better leadership continuity for the chapter. (Cont'd page 17)

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA CHAPTER

The latest information on the activities of the Sydney Chapter is that at the annual general meeting of the chapter, the retiring office bearers were re-elected unopposed. They are:

President: Harry Caldecott, VK2DA
Secretary: Pierce Healy, VK2APQ
Treasurer: Brian Anderson, VK2AND

It was also decided to institute the office of vice-president and Brian, VK2AND was elected unopposed.

At the October meeting, Frank Leverrier, VK2ADE presented the Chapter with the QCWA banner, which he and his wife had combined in obtaining for the Sydney Chapter. Members expressed their deep appreciation of the gesture and their pleasure of now having a QCWA banner. It was agreed that Frank be appointed custodian of the banner.

Meetings have been well attended and the numbers will be increased as soon as some application forms come to hand. We were very interested to hear Frank, VK2ADE report on the Dayton Convention and the QCWAers he met.

ARIZONA CHAPTER - Continued

The chairman stated that some of the members were concerned that the chapter has not appeared in the National QCWA Newsletter for quite some time. The secretary responded by pointing out that the material that appears in that publication under Chapter news is the result of members keeping their secretary informed of items which would be of general interest to the national organization. To date, this type of information has been quite outstanding by its absence.

It was established that the chapter would continue to have two get-togethers annually. In the Spring it is planned that a pot-luck would be appropriate - April or early May. In the Fall, an undercover event, similar to the one we had in Sun City one Fall. We are hoping to have a very entertaining presentation for this meeting. Hope this meets with everyone's approval. Your comments are solicited.

The membership would also like to extend sincere commendation to Gus Gironda, W2JE, for a job well done while serving as Executive Secretary of the National organization. A speedy recovery and continued health and happiness in the future, Gus.

The Chapter holds on-the-air business meetings every Sunday at 0900 hours MST on 3933 kHz. Also informal meetings are held Mondays through Fridays at 1600 hours MST, 3933 kHz. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate.

----- "Lucky", K7NTG
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER GOOF

We had a fine picture of Harry, W9SKX in the Chicago column last month. What did I do but label him W9SKY. Now I know Harry is a "high flier," but he prefers his down-to-earth call.

CANTON, OHIO CHAPTER

A dinner meeting was scheduled for November 16th at the Dutch Valley Restaurant...too late for a report in this issue of the Newsletter.

The August 17th meeting was held at the Buckeye Hotel in Uhrichville with 41 in attendance. Visitors included Howard Crumrine, W8NGJ and wife of Wadsworth guests of W8AQ and W8DCI. Harvey and Vera Odem guests of Del, W8SJC and Betty. Isabelle Galliger guest of Bob, W8CJG. Bob KH6AD and Virginia Jones guests of Henry and Grace. Bob and Virginia both natives of Canton, altho its been more than 30 years ago. It was great to meet old friends and make new ones, a lot of reminiscing in a few hours.

Eugene M. Arnold, W8YAB became a Silent Key on August 4. Gene was Chief Radio Electronic Serviceman for Timken Co., a past president of the Canton Amateur Radio Club. Our sincere sympathy to family and friends of Gene.

Once again it's time to elect new officers for the coming year. Qualifications are very select; three words, "I WILL SERVE". In the mean time, the current officers would like to thank you one and all for your continued support. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Henry, W8OYV

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER

The Central California Coast Chapter is off the ground with thirty Charter members. Our Charter Dinner meeting was well attended with 23 QCWA members and their wives.

Newly elected officers of our chapter are as follows:

Chairman: Wendell Peirce, W6FSJ
Vice-Chair: Len Cassou, W6EKO
Sec/Treas: Des Stovall, W6ECY
Historian: Harriet Amborn, W6DOY

A Fifty Year Award was presented to John Bickel, W6NY. Hal Wollam, W6LB was also recognized as a Fifty Year man although his certificate had not yet arrived. Hal is a Life Member of QCWA.

Everyone enjoyed an evening of good food and good fellowship. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships made.

See page 13 for a snapshot of W6PA and W6DOY, "HZBN 'n YF" team. Phil sez the YF business is okay with him but then he wants to be called HZBN. (Ed note: And all this fuss was about calling wives "has beens!")

Harriet, W6DOY

CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER

There was ample evidence at its second meeting that Central Ohio is a going concern. Our Fall meeting, held on October 9 at the Desert Inn, Columbus, was characterized by the presence of several members unable to attend our Charter meeting in June and several more who now find they have a chapter more conveniently available to them than heretofore. Forty-two of the guys and gals showed up for a most enjoyable cocktail hour and excellent steak dinner.

Following a liesurely dinner and considerable table hopping, President Harlow Lucas, W8QQ called the meeting to order and asked all to rise for a moment of silence in respect to the passing of our beloved friend and Charter member Harold E. (Doc) Stricker, M.D., W8WZ.

For our program for the evening, Loren Windom, W8GZ, peeled off one hundred of the 3,000 slides he and Dotty took on their recent round-the-world trip. These were pictures of the wild animals, including remarkable close-ups, roaming the preserves in the neighborhood of Nairoband, South Africa. They were beautiful and very interesting. Windy gave an excellent narration, pausing for slides of more detailed interest and shooting along for those to convey moving progression. He has the talent to hold the interest of his audience - twenty minutes for the 100! We all liked that.

Following this interesting program there was plenty of time for socializing and everyone enjoyed a nice chatting session, each with everyone else present. Our next meeting will be in the Spring.

Here is a picture of the presentation of the Central Ohio Chapter Charter on April 26, 1974. Gus Girona, W2JE officiated. W8GZ and K8CM accepted the Charter.

K8CM



CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The Central West Virginia Chapter of QCWA held its Fall Dinner Meeting at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston, West Virginia on September 14, 1974.

Fifteen hams and seven wives were present. (618 years of ham radio!)



Front Row - Left to Right: W8NR, W8SHU, W8ELJ, W8NLT,
W8BT, W8DIE, W8BOK, W8JWX
Back Row - Left to Right: W8QR, W8CWY, W8JM, W8HZ, A,
W8AFB, W8ESQ, W8IT (Prés.)

Officers elected for 1975:

President: R.W. Nixon, W8IT
Vice Pres: J.A. Davies, W8HZ
Secretary: C.R. Basham, W8NR

Charter member F.R. Greathouse, W8PZT, missed this meeting - the first he has ever missed - due to recovery from major surgery.

Tentative date for the Spring Meeting is April 19, 1975, at Fairmont, West Virginia.

C.R. Basham, W8NR

Art Miligan, W8KW, one of our good Directors in QCWA has come up with a pretty interesting idea. We present it for you at this time. Could be that he has rung the bell with this one. Art thinks that QCWA members should start using the signal "QCW" as a regular "Q" signal is used. It would mean as follows: QCW? - Are you a QCWA member? The normal reply would be QCW - meaning, "yes, I am a member of the

Chapter of QCWA. Art believes, and with some reason, that this might turn out to be popular enough to achieve official recognition if used by members everywhere. It would have the added advantage of creating interest in QCWA. If a person didn't know what it meant, he would be a possible QCWA member. If he were a member, you'd be able to get right into a good confab without any delay. Why not give it a try. Let's try using QCW in our radio work right now and see what gives.

W5EJ

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The regular Fall meeting of Chicago Area Chapter of QCWA was held on October 8, 1974 at Otto's Restaurant in Forest Park, Ill. There were 50 present, including several guests. Special welcome was given to Ernie Serena, W9DE, and Joe Blahunka, W9RCJ, President and Vice-President, respectively, of Joliet Chapter.

The President announced that we were losing one of our most active members, Vern Mills, W9GR (also known as the "Green Rabbit") who is moving to Rogers, Arkansas soon. A letter from Frank Golder, K9AAM/WØKIC, was read saying that it was his 71st birthday. All joined in wishing Frank a Happy Birthday and many more.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Cohn, W9EUZ, surprised us by returning from Germany in time to attend the meeting. Mike has been in DK-DL Land supervising some foreign operations for his company and will be moving there permanently soon. The Chapter voted to thank Mike for all of his work during the past two years and wished him well in his new venture. The President assured the members that the Chapter is solvent and that he will take over Mike's duties until the election in January.

Golden Anniversary Awards were presented to Bert Baumgardner, W9EN, and Herman Schultz, W9VFB. See picture below.

Phil Haller, W9HPG, ARRL Director for Central District, and a member of our Chapter, gave us a resume of the latest developments in FCC regulations. Phil's remarks brought forth many questions and some lively discussion on FCC Dockets



50 Year Presentation
W9RC honors W9EN & W9VFB



V.P. W9SG talks with
ARRL Director W9HPG

The proposed separation of the positions of Secretary and Treasurer requires that the By-laws be revised. The President agreed to make these changes and present revised copies at the January meeting for action by the membership prior to the election. A Nominating Committee of three members was appointed. They are Bruno Staffen, W9BX; Harry Gilling, W9IB; and Bert Baumgardner, W9EN. This Committee will prepare a slate of officers and directors for presentation and election at the Winter meeting in January.

Mac, W9RC

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

The Cleveland Chapter of QCWA had its Fall meeting and semi-annual banquet on November 9th. We had 84 in attendance, of which about 35 were wives. After years of strictly stag meetings, it was decided a year ago to include wives. This has proven very successful and now is a permanent institution.

Speaker of the evening was George Lister, W8NV, a 50 year QCWA certificate holder. He spoke about the early days of amateur and commercial radio (wireless). He also spoke of his years of electronic and sound maintenance at Euclid Beach (one of the nation's outstanding amusement parks of the early 1900s.)

Officers elected at this meeting were:

President: Werner Saurer, W8KC
Vice Pres: Paul Cornell, W8EFW
Secretary: Max Bauer, W8ALI

Werner, W8KC

DALLAS CHAPTER

The August meeting was the usual success with 27 in attendance, including six wives. We are always proud to welcome wives of members and other visitors who may come to our meetings. It's fun to have them, and we hope they enjoy themselves.

The last week-end in October was the Hamarama up at the Texoma Lodge in Oklahoma. Several QCWA members were working on the committee for this hamfest. There were some good buys at the Swap & Shop area.

Al, W5PXH, down at Walt Jackson's Electronic Center is going to provide us with space to put up a neat sign advertising our Chapter and its meeting time and date. This should be good for the attendance and may gain us a few members.

Frank Jewell, W5IZU still continues his recovery and the last we heard he was getting along very well. Best wishes to him and Maurine.

If you know someone who should be a member of the Dallas Chapter, how about inviting him (or her) to attend this meeting with you and join the fellowship.

K5KNY & W5OGZ

We have been acquiring a few callbooks as time goes on. It is getting more and more difficult to get the scarce ones. Still need a Government 1915 and 1929. We received a gift of a beautiful 1922 from a good Florida friend. A nice 1935 callbook and copies of the 1917 NAWA bulletins came from W9CI. As this material comes in, it will provide a better and better source of material to determine licensing dates for all amateurs. Your help is solicited.

Ted, W5EJ

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO QCWA CONSTITUTION

In accordance with a resolution adopted by unanimous vote of the QCWA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on October 26, 1974, the following amendment is proposed concerning the purpose of the Association, as presently described in Article I, section 2.

RESOLVED THAT:

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- (a) To foster and develop scientific and educational interest directed toward the advancement of theory and practice of Radio, Electronics, Electrical Engineering and allied branches of related arts and sciences. The character of its scope is non-national and trans-national and the territory in which its operations are to be conducted is the entire world.
- (b) To promote friendship and co-operation among amateur wireless and radio operators of more than twenty five years standing.
- (c) To take a general interest in all matters affecting or involving amateur wireless or radio and to sponsor such actions as may be deemed proper in their interests.

* * * * *

The proposed amendment to Article I, section 2 of the Constitution of the Quarter Century Wireless Association is hereby ____ approved.

Signed

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QCWA #

AMENDMENT TO QCWA CONSTITUTION PROPOSED

Efforts are under way to qualify the QCWA as a scientific and educational organization under the provisions of IRS Code Section 501 (C) (3).

The advantages of this rating are many. The most immediate benefit is the non-profit postage rate which would permit mailing the Newsletter at 1.8¢ each instead of the present 6.3¢ each. This would mean a savings of over \$1,000 a year on postage for the Newsletters alone.

It would also permit income tax deductions for donors of gifts to the QCWA museum and to such things as scholarship funds, etc.

We feel that the QCWA does qualify. It is just a matter of putting the proper wording into the Constitution to show that the organization is not just a social club but has serious purposes with regard to the scientific and educational advancement of radio and communication.

At the October 26 meeting of the Board of Directors, a resolution was adopted by unanimous vote, calling for an amendment of the Constitution concerning the purpose of the Association, as presently described in Article I, Section 2, to permit application for non-profit rating under the provisions of IRS Code Section 501 (C) (3). This would then conform to the provisions of the amended certificate of Incorporation of the Association under the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. See the amended section on the next page and call for ballot.

An amendment to the Constitution requires approval by at least 2/3 of the members voting. Please cast your ballot promptly so that we may take advantage of this non-profit rating.

Pull this page from the Newsletter and return the ballot to the Executive Secretary. Ballots must be postmarked prior to February 15, 1975, to be counted. Tellers appointed to count the vote are W4ZM, W3CDQ and W3TFA, members of the Washington, D.C. Chapter.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank A. Gunther". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and "G".

Frank Gunther, W2ALS
President

December 15, 1974

From _____

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Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.
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DAYTON-CINCINNATI CHAPTER

The Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter held its Fall Dinner Meeting on October 31 at King's Island Inn near Mason, Ohio. Fifty-four members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by an excellent slide presentation by Russ Gardner, W8TPC (Ohio QCWA Net Control). Russ and his wife Mary took a 4½ month trip around the world on a Dutch freighter, travelling 32,000 miles and visiting 22 ports. The slide presentation was entitled "Two Tramps on a Tramp Steamer" and was very well done.

Andy Shafer, W8TE, reported on the QCWA National Meeting in Orlando and election of officers followed. New Chapter officers for 1974-1975 are:

NEW OFFICERS

W8OK - K8UZ - W8DSR

President: Wm. G. Biddle, K8UZ

Vice Pres: John Bruning, W8DSR

Sec/Treas: Frank Schwab, W8OK

(Retiring President is Bill Goodrich, W8LNL.)



Plans are being made for the QCWA Booth at the Dayton Hamvention, April 25, 26, 27 and the Chapter will sponsor the usual Friday night (April 25) OOTC/QCWA Dinner at the Downtown Dayton Ramada Inn.

A special committee has been formed to plan this affair. All details will appear in the next issue of QCWA News.

It is suggested that anyone planning to stay at the hotel get their room reservation in directly to the Ramada Inn early, and be sure to mention QCWA.

Frank Schwab, W8OK

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Consideration of an Associate Membership in QCWA was discussed at the recent Board meeting. The idea of increasing membership and bringing new and younger blood into the organization has some obvious merit. It was decided not to open the National membership, but the Board did vote to recommend that local chapters consider an associate membership for amateurs with 20-25 years of service.

Associate Members would not be eligible for National membership and would not receive the Newsletter, Yearbook, etc. It would be strictly a local chapter option. Talk it over at your meetings. This idea might be just what you need to breath new life into your chapter.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

Our Fall meeting, held on September 21, was attended by 85 members and guest. One new member was introduced - W2BWU, Mr. Earl Patterson. The speaker of the evening was W2JIO, Robert W. Gunderson, now retired from the Institute of the Blind, New York. Bob was born blind and is a most remarkable fellow who has accomplished more with his handicap than most of us do with all of our senses. A quote from him - "if you've never had it, you don't miss it;" is a lesson in life itself. Bob's career included Radio Engineer in one of the now long gone stores in Radio Row on Cortland Street, New York City; Radio Editor for a New York Newspaper; and then to the Institute where he developed many instruments for blind radio engineers. He had some of these instruments with him and gave a most impressive demonstration.

Our Annual Meeting and election of officers for the coming year was held Saturday night, November 9th, at the Buck Hotel. It was attended by 107 members and guests. Officers for the coming year are:

Chairman:	W3KD, George Hautenschild
Vice-Chairman:	W3IMU, John Wolf
Secretary:	W2HX, A.G. Wentzel, Jr.
Treasurer:	W2QLP, George Gierman.

A beautiful plaque with the National Insignia on it was given to past-chairman W2AXU, John Power for a job well done as Chairman for the past two years. Three new members were introduced: K2AL, Henry C. Baarens; W3CAA, Harry B. Zimmerman; W3CHZ, Walter K. Koch.

If you have been a member of the Chapter for five (5) years or more, in good standing in the National organization, and have reached the age of 70 years, you are automatically relieved of any further dues in the Delaware Valley Chapter. The following members were issued Life Memberships under this policy:

W2BI, Enock Hoffman	W3HFD, Frank M.R. Fenimore
W3AJF, Horace P. Deacon	W2CO, Walter Cobb
W2CGP, Arthur L. Turner	K4JKH, Dr. Edmund Burroughs
W3BS, Karl G. Krech	K2FP, Otto F. Grapp
W2BGP/WA4TRR, Henry E. Meyer	

The highlight of the evening was our speaker, W3MJE, Rear, Admiral Raymond J. Schneider, U.S. Navy, who presented a talk concerning the future of electronics and the part it will play in our society. He also demonstrated a number of fascinating gadgets.

We were very sorry to hear that one of our members became a Silent Key down in Texas on November 8. Richard H. Braue, W3DAN will be missed by many.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 22, 1975, at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Pa. All are, of course, invited to attend.

"BB" W2HX

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The October 5 meeting of the East Tennessee Chapter was held in Chattanooga. About 40 hams and their wives attended.

Presentation was made of a Golden Anniversary certificate to Robert S. Embry, W4HHQ. Director J.R. David, W4YK made the presentation. See Photo.

Ward, W4QT



NEW CHAPTERS

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

President: W2CVF

Secretary: W2GHV

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

President: W5ZH

Secretary: W5HB

SUNFLOWER (Kansas)

Secretary/Chairman
W0NEE

DAYTON HAMVENTION QCWA/OOTC DINNER

The Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter of QCWA will host the Annual Dayton Hamvention QCWA/OOTC Dinner on Friday, April 25, 1975, at the Ramada Stratford House in downtown Dayton. Cocktails at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Cost of the dinner will be \$7.00 per person. Advance reservations and tickets will be required. Tickets can be obtained from John Willig, W8ACE, whose address is 650 Winding Way, Dayton, Ohio 45419. Please make checks payable to John Willig. Reservations must be in by April 11.

Most QCWA members will be staying at the Ramada Stratford. Please send your reservations as soon as possible. Make reservations through the Dayton Hamvention Accommodations Committee, Box 44, Dayton, Ohio 45401. You must specify QCWA/Ramada Stratford House, the number of persons in your party and the dates you will be staying.

The Dayton Hamvention will be three days again this year, starting at noon on Friday, April 25 and ending Sunday afternoon, April 27.

EL PASO AREA CHAPTER

Our first QCWA Breakfast was a huge success. It was held during the recent Hamfest at the Villa Motor Hotel on October 13. We had a very good turnout of about 50 people - even though when an early breakfast was mentioned many a man and woman said, "That early!!" A vote of thanks should go to Noel Olmstead, WB5FHW and Walt Liggett, W5BFN for a job well done arranging the breakfast.

Also at the El Paso Hamfest the Chapter prepared a display of some early wireless equipment and licenses, all of the early '20 vintage. The exhibit attracted a number of prospective members.



Merrell Frazer - W5ALL and President Noel Olmstead - WB5FHW represented the Chapter at the QCWA Breakfast at the Texoma Hamfest October 27. Ten other chapters from Texas and Oklahoma were present.

Clyde McNicol, W5NB has obtained a very interesting program for the November meeting. We are to have a talk on Gun Safety given by a Firearms Instructor of the FBI. We thank you, Mac and hope we have a good turnout for the program.

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month * at 1 p.m. at Furrs Cafeteria, Sunrise Shopping Center. (* Note the December meeting will be on the 2nd Saturday.) The Chapter has an on-the-air meeting on 3940 kHz Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Mountain Time.

Let me have news for our Quarterly bulletin and the National Newsletter.

Milly Wise, W5OVH

HOUSTON, TEXAS CHAPTER

Houston Chapter will sponsor the 1975 QCWA QSO Party. We are looking forward to having many logs to score. Some changes have been made in the rules, so read them carefully and be sure to participate. See pages 8 & 9 for details.

On September 28, the Golden Anniversary Award was presented to James Warren Potts, W5CWE. The official presentation was made by our president Otho Lindsey, W5FR. Speaking on his behalf and providing a thumb nail sketch of his background, only the chapter secretary (because of his access to the annals of the chapter) could do this job.



In 1921, as 7JP (the J & P are no coincidence) his first contacts were with KDIB and KDIC of the Sand Hill Oil Company at Rawlings. His first rig was a $\frac{1}{4}$ Kw Murdock, then a $\frac{1}{2}$ Kw Packard and, finally, a Thordarson 1 Kw unit using 25 kv. His condensers were made from photographic plates and tin foil and he used a rotary with a 4-wire flat top. The magnetic kick-back would always manage to set the house on fire, and he enjoyed his operation on high power even if the light in the bathroom of the boarding house came on whenever he held the key down.

In the fall of 1922 he went to school in Boulder, Colorado and worked with Bob Owens while building 9XAQ. The X in the call meant that it was an experimental station. They used a double commutator dc generator to power the "transmitter" to 250 watts on cw and 125 watts on phone - using Heising modulation. Bob Owens later became the chief engineer at KOA.

In March of 1933 he was issued his present call, W5CWE. Later in 1933 he handled 9 messages from W6CWE concerning the California Earthquake. In 1952, Jim went up before the FCC and passed his extra class license. He finally retired in 1971 and has been enjoying his hobby and the fine fellowship which is standard in the Ham world.

Monty, W5YZ

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Many people seem to take it for granted that the 50 year certificates are issued automatically. Maybe, someday we will have the records in that good order, but right now you have to apply for a Golden Anniversary Certificate.

Ask your Chapter secretary for the new application form or write to the National Executive Secretary. Then be sure to mark whether you want the certificate mailed to you directly or sent to the Chapter for presentation.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Annual picnic meeting was held Wednesday, August 14th at Kenwood Park in Cadillac, Michigan. 43 QCWA members and their "YFs" with big picnic baskets were present.

It seems that all "OMs" are little boys at heart. The city workers had just poured new concrete bases for grills and as soon as the workmen left there were "call letters" scratched in the new cement. Hope the City Fathers don't make the curprits erase their calls. While this was happening, three of our officers were on the local radio station with the Mayor explaining Ham's contribution to the community!

Ed, W8IAC

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Our annual picnic has come and gone and those of you who couldn't make it missed out on a very good time. The weather was perfect and 61 people enjoyed themselves at Walt Cooper's (W6CDJ) beautiful QTH in Woodside. We did quite well on the raffle, and almost made enough for the rent for tables, chairs, umbrellas, etc. The raffle was won by Ben, W6WOY.

It was brought up at our Board meeting that there has been some talk about changing our yearly social set-up to perhaps dropping the picnic and having a luncheon instead. Also, it was suggested that we might have two luncheons or one luncheon and one dinner. The membership will have a ballot at the bottom of the local bulletin.

Next Board Meeting will be held January 6, 1975 at the International Inn, So. San Francisco. Our annual luncheon will take place sometime in February, in accordance with the by-laws.

Congratulations to these old-timers for receiving their 50 Year certificates: Tony White, W6QH; William Baker, W6LV; Meade Eaton, W6BOP; Phil Keast, W6DD; Bob Palmer, W6EJ; Ward Bushee, W6HH; Art Johnson, W6ZAY.

We are sorry to report that Elmer E. Johnson, K6HZ died of a heart attack on October 13.

Best wishes for a Happy 1975.

Russ, W6AUC

QCWA MUSEUM

A QCWA Museum has been operated for several years by W2KW, Clarence Seid. We hope to have pictures and a story in the next Newsletter. Donations of antique equipment have been made by a number of our members. If we get our non-profit status approved, all such donations will be tax deductible.

MOHAWK VALLEY CHAPTER (Utica, N.Y.)

The first Saturday of November (this year, November 2) is traditionally the Annual meeting and dinner of the Mohawk Valley Chapter - QCWA. It was held at the Ranch Restaurant, just outside New Hartford.

After the dinner, each member arose and gave his name and call and introduced his YF. The purpose of this procedure is to determine who is not present and have some member report why - such as illness, out of town, etc. We learned that that morning Dave, WA2ANU had broken a rib and couldn't attend.

As a first order of business the Chairman reviewed the appointment of Ethel Smith, K4LMB, as Executive Secretary of QCWA and expressed the collective good wishes to Gus, W2JE. He then read "DOWN WITH XYLS" by Ethel - much to the delight of the gals present. One old grouch said, "See what happens when women get into office!" His YF probably gave him cold oatmeal for breakfast next a.m.!

The Nominating Committee reported next and, since there were no nominations from the floor, the Secretary was instructed to cast one unanimous vote for the 1975 officers:

Chairman: Edwin F. O'Dell, W2RWE
Sec/Treas: Charles J. Fuchs, W2QJN

The Chairman then introduced Mr. James Dyer, Associate Professor of English at Mohawk Valley Community College, who talked about Mark Twain. He acquainted us with other facets of the authors writings and personality and quoted many humorous passages not generally known.

To close the meeting, the gavel was presented to the 1975 Chairman and many remained to renew old friendships.

Those present were: From Utica - W2CCA, W2QBV, W2QFE, W2QJN, W2QXA, W2RWE, W2TTH. From Yorkville - W2ARY. From New Hartford - W2BGN, W2DNE, W2RJL. From Manlius - W2BJI. From Boonville - K2CP. From Chittenango - W2GA. From Rome - W2GR. From Holland Patent - W2IXR. From New York Mills - W2PRM. From Whitesboro - W2QXB, W2WGL. From Oneida - W2QXE, W2RXW.

Ken Gardner, W2BGN

Sample calculation of Score

Members contacted	-	210	
Chapters contacted	-	51	
Directors/Officers	-	6	
		57	
		57	
		11,970	Points

Sample Log Form for the QSO Party

Log of W3IN

My No.	Date	Time	Call	Time	His No.	Chapter Name	His Name
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NEBRASKA CHAPTER

A general meeting of QCWA members was held during the Midwest Division ARRL Convention in South Sioux City, Nebraska, on Saturday, October 5. Our president, WØGEQ chaired the meeting which was attended by thirty-four members.

Following the general meeting, our chapter sponsored a QCWA luncheon at the Fife and Drum Cafe, with a total of 42 members, wives, and prospective members attending. Several applications for membership were requested and supplied. After the luncheon, members of our chapter, totaling 14 in number, assembled for a business meeting. See photo below.



First row, left to right: WØFQB, Secretary; WØGEQ, President; WØDMQ, Vice-president; WØNAM, YF of WØDMQ; WØVYX, Treasurer. Second row, left to right: WØWYH; WØLEF, Director; WØYMU; WØNVE; WØZNI, Director; WØUZE; WØMYT, Director; and WØUFD, recent recipient of 50 year award. WØCHJ took the picture.

Secretary WØFQB moved that a resolution be drawn making retired Executive Secretary A.J. "Gus" Gironda, W2JE, an Honorary Life Member of the Nebraska Chapter in sincere appreciation of his efforts in our behalf, and in recognition of his outstanding service as an official of our national organization during the past ten years. The resolution was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer, WØVYX reported a paid-up membership of 52.

WØZNI suggested we arrange for pictures of our two OM/YF team members, WØDMQ/WØNAM and WØMYT/WØQYM. WØJCP volunteered to expedite picture taking. See the results on page 13.

Art, WØFQB

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Our annual meeting in Penticton in June was a well organized and executed operation, planned and conducted by Al, VE7KC. The weather cooperated and a sizeable group participated. Incidentally, Al is collecting pre-war VE5 QSLs. If anyone is willing to part with them, they will be appreciated. These are QSLs from B.C. when that province was the 5th District.

The results of our election were announced: at the
Chairman: L.W. "Mort" Mortensen, VE7KM
Vice-Chair: Francis W. "Tex" Sloat, W7AHK
Secretary: Hal "Curley" Johnston, W7PN

The following have been appointed to head up committees:
Dr. F.J. (Doc) Spike, W7OS is the program chairman for our 1975 annual meeting at Tacoma and will be filling us in on the dates and location in the near future. Tex, W7AHK agreed to be the program chairman for our 1976 annual meeting to be held somewhere in Southern Washington, possibly near Vancouver.

The ARRL annual meeting will be held in Calgary, Alberta on August 1-2-3, 1975 and it is Calgary's Centennial Birthday year. The boys are planning big things for that meeting. I suggest anyone who is interested in attending should contact QCWA member Don Sutherland, VE6FK, SCM Alberta Section, for advance reservations.

I wish you all a very happy, harmonious and healthy 1975 in our QCWA brotherhood.

Mort, VE7KM

PANDORAS BOX

I hesitate to open Pandora's Box, but this may be as good a time as any to get all the little corrections into the records. We are considering the possibility of getting the mailing list on computer tape and it would pay to have the records just the way you want them before we go to that expense.

If there is anything you would like to see changed in the address that appears on this Newsletter, let us know. The address plates are used to provide data for the Year-book, so if you want your name to appear as A.Z. (Bud) Smith instead of Alphonso Zackarias Smith, now is the time to get it changed. If you want to be recognized as "Doctor" or "Colonel, get it into the records. If you want the QTH listed at one address and the mail delivered to another, give the mail address first and the QTH in parenthesis. If you have two calls and two permanent addresses, remind us to list them both next time. And please, PLEASE, PLEASE keep us advised of any address changes - as soon as they occur. We are going broke paying for those bad address returns from the post office.

K4LMB

PITTSBURGH, PA. CHAPTER

The October 6th assembly at the home of our hosts, Pete, W3DM and his charming wife, Ginny at Murrysaville were fantastic on several counts, vis: 1) the weather was superb. 2) the food was first rate. 3) the gang, befitting their QCWA heritate, were congenial and affable as usual. Twenty-six were present:



W3LPF - Mark and YL Dot; W3ZDW - Joe and YL Betty, W3NSX - Joe and YL Clara; W3ATQ - Claude and YL Maxine; W3YD - Tom and YL Flo; W3UHM - Zigmond; W3JQ - Sid and YL Edith; W3LGD - Joe and YL Alice; W8CWY - John and YL Mary Lou; W3OJM - Ray; W3OVM - Dave and YL Chris; W3KRG - Bill and YL Martha; W3KVS - George and YL Fran; W3KPI - Carl and YL Lorna and our hosts W3DM - Pete and YL Ginny.

We have been advised by our new Executive Secretary that two new members, W3OVM - Dave Jones and W3JEB - Ken Anderson have joined the QCWA ranks. Unfortunately no details are available but this chapter welcomes these old timers.

On August 19th, Pete - W3DM had serious heart surgery performed at Shadyside Hospital. We are happy to report Pete's complete recovery and wish him well. Pete and Ginny convey their thanks for the many cards and phone calls sent and made during this trying period.

There will be a new, updated local roster in the making soon. This takes a little effort, so bear with us. The new QCWA Yearbook is loaded with surprises. New members this chapter has not been aware of and some dropouts.

VIGNETTES. Howard William "Bud" Hunter - W3JAV, 65 years young. Licensed in 1933 and holds a general ticket. Single and partially retired - self employed. Ham interest consists of rag chewing, DX chasing and mostly experimental. Operates SSB, AM, CW, 2M and 5M. Operates weekends mobile on 10. Uses Drake TR-44B with homebrew gear on 144, 220 and 430 MHz. A member of the ATA.

Best wished for a verry Happy New Year.

Mark, W3LPF

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

At the September Brunch meeting held at Vacation Village Hotel in beautiful Mission Bay, President Bob Crain, K6CM stepped down and presented the gavel to Roy Maxson, W6DEY. We have had an excellent year under Bob's leadership and membership now stands at 135 - all of them paid members. The incumbent VP, Art Smith, W6INI; Treasurer Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM and Secretary "Si" Morrison, W6OSD continue in office.

A very proud and happy Romeo (K6PM) received the QCWA's highest award, the Meritorious Award, at the September meeting. Romeo's constant work and devotion to the Chapter since its beginning is greatly responsible for our success today. We were unable to obtain a photo of the presentation in time for this issue, but hope to send one along later.

The S.W. Division Convention held in San Diego November 1, 2 and 3 was the "biggest and best in the West" to date. We were quite proud of the very nice response of the Chapter in accepting committee assignments and assisting in many ways. Sam Dear, K6BWT served as Chairman and his hard work and devotion to the task was far, far "beyond the call of duty." His contribution spelled SUCCESS.

Jim West, W6QLO was responsible for the booth sponsored by the local area clubs. He arranged a display of antique equipment, including an old spark transmitter which was keyed hourly as a demonstration for hundreds in the Exhibition Hall. This was arranged through special authorization by FCC. Jim also handled the Wouff Hong ceremony for the convention.

Al Sears, K6ST and his wife Marge handled the QCWA Breakfast for the Chapter. It was very successful in spite of competition from the DX Club and the FM Repeater group. Chapter Programs Chairman Frank Jallu, W6GU, had arranged for an interesting presentation by members of the San Diego Police Department. We were well supported by the Southern California Chapter, Los Angeles Area. Special guests were ARRL President Harry Dannals and SW Division Director John Griggs, W6KW, both of whom arranged to visit each of the several breakfast groups. Clara Dishong, W6TDL was welcomed as the second YL member of the Chapter. She is the wife of Jim Dishong, K6KAE. We are pleased to know they think enough of us to travel from Hemet.

Another member who contributed to the convention was Cy Huvar, SCM, W6GBF, who worked with ARRL Headquarters people in the ARRL booth. Cy said the HQ group was happy with the 22 Life Memberships they obtained - along with quite a few regular memberships.

The many friends of Captain John C. Walter, K6SY, were sorry to hear of his death on October 31. He worked for BUSHIPS and was responsible for the Navy's super-powered low frequency transmitter at Jim Creek, Washington. The Chapter will miss him.

"Si" W6OSD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Wending his way Westward across the U.S. and back East via Canada, there appeared upon the Los Angeles scene one Frank Frimmerman, W2FZ. He was immediately taken in tow by Cy Kahn, W6PXH; Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM and Moe Joffe, W6PHE. The last time that Cy and Frank had seen each other was about 40 years ago when Cy was East. The reception was a sight to behold. Frank admits to being 80, but on good authority he is telling a five year fib. On the way to the eatery, he complained that we young squirts were walking too slowly and to get going before he starved.

On August 25th the OOTC held a Sunday afternoon dinner at the Pump Room in Studio City. There were 55 gals and guys in attendance. We were entertained by George Gilbert thru the courtesy of the Coast Federal Bank. He gave us a sampling of many dialects with some pretty ribtickling stories thrown in for good measure.

Earl Burdette, W6YV; Bert Ayres, W6CL; and Dr. Mert Moser, W6HS and their ladies acted as representatives of the Southern California Chapter at the initial Chapter meeting of the newly formed Central California Coast Chapter. Dr. Mert had the honor of presenting the Fifty Year anniversary certificates.

We had our Annual Fall Dinner-meeting on October 5th at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach. 141 souls partook of the mind-boggling array of salads and the generous cut of sirloin of beef. No one left with an empty stomach. By request, the usual captive audience type program was omitted and a general gabfest and eyeballing was substituted with good results. It gave everyone a chance to visit with friends he had made on the air without the last-minute, 5-second handshake and a promise to get together "sometime."

We believe we can point to a record: We had 18 members eligible to receive the 50 Year Award. Can anyone top that for the year? Of the 18, nine were in attendance, as can be seen in the photo below. (Listing in alphabetical order.)



W6ABR, W6DMQ, W6DRV, W6FM, W6IYU, K6KP, W6UP, W6ZCN

SUWANNEE CHAPTER
(North Florida)

Suwannee Chapter has been busy with the National QCWA Convention in Orlando. The October meeting was held there and new officers were installed at the Suwannee Luncheon on October 26.

President: Harold F. (Hal) Sturm, W4UCF
Vice-Pres: Kenneth F. (Ken) Cox, W4FYE
Secretary: Frank S. (Mac) McCullough, W4WWH
Treasurer: Svend (Ted) Gormsen, W4SZ

We are sad to report the death of two Suwannee members. George Wetmore, K4ME of Jacksonville died while traveling in Holland. George was one of the Founders of Suwannee Chapter. Christopher W. Davis, W4JLW has also become a Silent Key.

Please note that our Chapter name is spelled SUWANNEE. The river's name is spelled one way in Georgia (where it originates) but another in Florida! Since we are in Florida, we came to the conclusion it should be SUWANNEE, as used down here.

Carl, K4WJ

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER - Continued

Talking about records, how many Chapters can brag about having more than six Husband Wife members and 13 YL/YF members on their Roster.

We had election of Officers for 1975 with the following results:

President: Archie Willis, W6LPJ
Vice-Pres: Herb Glead, W6FQ
Sec/Treas: Moe Joffe, W6PHE
Director: Dr. Mert Moser, W6HS
Publicity: Ray Meyers, W6LMZ
Historian: Bert Ayres, W6CL

Our new Chapter president, Archie, received his first license in 1946 with the call W5LYA while in Amarillo, Texas. He served as Radio Officer on board ship with the Maritime Service. In 1951 he moved to Los Angeles and was assigned the call W6LPJ. He and his lady, Rosemary are very active in Ham affairs in and around the Los Angeles area. Congrats, Archie.

We had a fine representation at the ARRL Southwestern Convention and, wonder of wonders, two of our people won prizes. W6MDQ is the proud possessor of a KLM Triband Beam; and the Grand Prize, which was an Atlas 180 with the a.c. power supply, was won by Greta Joffe, the YF of Moe, W6PHE. Everyone had a grand time in San Diego.

Moe, W6PHE

SOUTHERN ONTARIO CHAPTER

On May 11th, 1974, six members of QCWA, and sixteen others eligible for membership, met at the Ponderosa Motel in Burlington, Ontario. Applications for membership were received from 15 of those eligible and a petition for a Charter was duly signed by all 21 members present. An election of officers resulted in VE3GMD as Secretary/Treasurer and VE3JT as President. The above name of the Chapter was chosen as being the most representative of the six names under consideration.



Charter Members - Southern Ontario Chapter

L - R: (All VE3s)

SI	AJP	CP	XY	JT	GMD	HQ	TB
VZ	HI	TW	UC	BOJ		JU	AWB

Other Charter Members not in the picture: VE3s

BZ, DO, BXN, IQ, JK, QU, UH

Due to the large area covered by the Chapter, and the traveling distances involved for most of the members, it was decided to have only one scheduled meeting per year - in May, with another in November if necessary or if a majority of members were in favor. Many of our members go south for the winter, during which period traveling long distances in Ontario to attend a meeting is not looked upon with favor.

At the meeting, a few local by-laws were adopted, including one setting up a monthly on-the-air meeting on the first Sunday of each month on 3750 kHz at 1 p.m. local time, and another calling for a Chapter initiation fee of \$3.00 to defray organizing expenses and provide a small treasury to take care of printing, mailing, etc. Following the meeting, all adjourned to the nearby Holiday Inn for lunch.

Within a week of taking office, unforeseen personal problems prevented the Secretary from undertaking any of his duties. Consequently no action was taken for the first six months. However, at the recent convention in October sponsored by the Radio Society of Ontario, the President met informally with a number of the members and arranged for a November meeting. Our thanks are extended to VE3CP for his good work on short notice in taking over the immediately necessary secretarial work to get the ball rolling.

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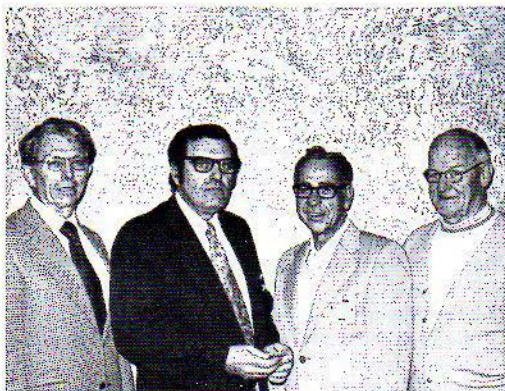
SUNFLOWER CHAPTER

Twenty-four QCWA members petitioned for Charter of the Kansas Sunflower Chapter, and five new QCWA members were obtained at an organizational meeting held in Wichita on October 20.



QCWAers at Organizational Meeting of Sunflower Chapter

The Charter was granted on November 25 - just about two months after WØYZB made his first inquiries about the possibilities of starting a Chapter! The first official meeting will be held early in December.



Officers elected at the organizational meeting were (left to right)

Public Relations: WØCHJ
C. Steve Schultz
Secretary/Treas: WØNEE
Joe Brungardt
President: WØYZB
Richard Caspari
Director: WØLYX
E. E. Dinsmore
(and not shown)
Director: WØHF
Carl Hall

Steve, WØCHJ

SOUTHERN ONTARIO CHAPTER - Continued

At the time of writing this report, we have had our first real on-the-air meeting, at which many requests for membership in QCWA and the Chapter were received. It now looks as though our initial problems have been overcome and, perhaps the Chapter will be eligible for the QCWA banner sooner than we thought!

Tom, VE3CP

SPACEPORT CHAPTER
(Merritt Island, Fla.)

The Spaceport Chapter, QCWA, hosted the QCWA luncheon at the Melbourne, Fla. Hamfest on Saturday, September 7, 1974. The luncheon was held at the Ramada Inn on U.S. 1 in Melbourne. The turnout was excellent with 94 in attendance, including members, wives and friends.

All Florida QCWA Chapters were represented as well as several Chapters from out of state. The luncheon was an informal affair, the price was right, the food was excellent and from the amount of "QRM" from the floor, everyone had a good time.

One of the highlights of the luncheon was the announcement that Bob Johnston, K4QI, had received his 50-year Golden



Anniversary Award. Bob is the first member of the Spaceport Chapter to receive this coveted award.

Although the Spaceport Chapter has not yet qualified for a "free" banner, it did sport two very fine banners at the hamfest. At the QCWA registration booth, the Chapter proudly displayed a banner which Glenn Diggs, W4BFQ, the Chapter's Vice-Chairman, had arranged for. At the luncheon, the Chapter proudly displayed a banner which Sam Ashdown, W4HLY, had made for the occasion.

A special note of thanks is in order for the yeoman efforts of Glenn, W4BFQ, and Sam, W4HLY, in making the arrangements for the luncheon. A salute is also in order for Bob Lucas, K4HTU, the Chapter's Treasurer, for the fine job he did in collecting for the luncheon.

The Spaceport Chapter thanks each of those members who attended for their show of support.

Will look forward to working you on the QCWA QSO Party in February. In the mean time, best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bill Willmot, K4JPF

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

At the regular meeting of the SUNCOAST CHAPTER - QCWA, held at Davy's Locker, Sarasota, Florida, Wednesday, November 6, the following officers were elected for the calendar year 1975.

President: James R. Balmer - K4ISG (ex W8KRS)
2531 Geneva Road; Venice, FL 33595

Secretary: Morris L. Brown - K4GSL
44 Orange Street; Nokomis, FL 33555

Treasurer: Dale C. Donner - K4WR
1342 Devon Road; Venice, FL 33595

Jim, K4ISG

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

Vero Beach, Florida

Treasure Coast Chapter held the fall luncheon meeting at the Hilltop House, Ft. Pierce, Florida on November 14. There were 37 members, wives and special guests present.

President Ike Roach, K4QM called a short business meeting. Our chapter will NC the Florida State Wide QCWA Net for the month of January. The net meets at 12:30 p.m. Sundays on 7247 kHz. Ike, K4QM will be NCS the first Sunday; Herb, W4KEB NCS the second Sunday; Mike, WA4GUH the third Sunday; the fourth Sunday to be announced at a later date.

The Chapter members elected the following slate of officers for the year 1975:

President: Mike Klein, WA4GUH
Vice-Pres: Herb Combs, W4KEB
Sec/Treas: George Russell, W8DQG/4

The winter luncheon meeting will be held in conjunction with the Treasure Coast Hamfest at Vero Beach, Florida in February.

Our new president, Mike, WA4GUH, invited all members and their wives to attend a picnic at his home QTH in Stuart, Florida on December 8th - Sunday at 11 a.m. He promised to supply all the ice.

Herb Combs, W4KEB

We have received word from Jack Stuart, W4SG, of Pensacola, that while in Orlando, at the QCWA convention, his 1925 Government callbook was mislaid. Someone may have picked it up and unknowingly carried it off. Jack would like to have it back if possible.

UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER

The 32 members in attendance at the February meeting re-elected current officers and added Ben Swezey, WØRAG as vice-president.

Bob Hall, WØCRO described and demonstrated a simple but very useful RF Milliwattmeter. Charles Compton, WØBUO, ARRL Executive, discussed current FCC considerations.

The May meeting brought out 28 members who heard WØNUJ, Ed Caldwell present the colorful history of aircraft electronics and describe, via a film story, current area navigation techniques using computer logic. Historian, Tom Winn, WØMGG presented a very interesting capsule summary of the chapter's history. Spero Spiro, W9GW gave RCA catalogs to those members present. Ed Wiik, WØUGP won the door prize.

The October meeting with 36 in attendance featured Dick Halvorson, WØZHN on current and projected uses of solar energy in big power plant operation. Ward Jensen, WØTLE updated the group on the Handi-Ham system and made a strong plea for new members. Ben Swezey, WØRAG reported on the 3900 club meeting in Sioux City.

The highlight of the year was the formal presentation of five Golden Anniversary awards to Forrest Bryant, WØFDS; Robert Aldrich, WØJVM; Elmer Bernard, WØCKI; Robert Hall WØCRO and George Lovering, KØQQQ.



WØJVM WØCRO KØQQQ WØCKI
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Winner of the door prize was Tom Tomczyk, WØDBC. WØLV offers congratulations.



The group continues to meet at Toni's M & M Supper Club where the Friday noon lunch bunch meets informally each week.

Roy, Ben, Carl

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

The third quarterly meeting of the Washington, D.C. Chapter was held on the evening of October 23rd. Special guests of the evening from the "Land down Under" were Ivor Stafford, VK3XB and his wife, Mavis, VK3KS. Both are eligible for membership in the QCWA, having been licensed since 1934 and 1939, respectively. We were delighted to have them visit with us. Arrangements for their attending the Chapter meeting were finalized last June. This was quite an accomplishment when you consider the Stafford's have been traveling for the past several months and their arrival in the U.S. was via England. Liz Zandonini, W3CDQ, our Sec/Treas, was the coordinator of this pleasure. Ivor made a brief address to the members present.

The principal speakers for the evening were Chuck Dorian, W3JPT, assisted by Joe Kasser, G3ZCZ. These gentlemen of AMSAT gave a presentation on AMSAT, OSCAR VI and upcoming OSCAR VII. Connector difficulties in the Launch Vehicle have been the underlying causes for the latest delay. Until OSCAR VII has been safely launched and stabilized in its orbital path, it is hoped that OSCAR VI, "The Little Wonder" will continue to perform so admirably. Credit to the Command Stations, especially VE2BYG and VE3QB, for actuating the Satellite so faithfully on schedule for both communication and bulletin passes. They deserve the utmost thanks and recognition from all OSCAR users.

Plans are already underway in preparation for the 19th Old Timer's Dinner next Spring. Mark your calendar for Wednesday night, January 22, 1975 for the 4th Quarterly Meeting of this Chapter. Election of Officers for the coming year are to be voted upon at this time.

Regular attendees at the Chapter meeting were noticeably missing this evening, namely: Ethel, K4LMB and Tex, W4TE, who were enroute to the QCWA National Convention in Orlando. Also, our Vice-Chairman Don McClenon, W3IN, was off to Curacao to participate in the CQ WW DX Contest.

If any QCWA member feels he or she qualifies for a Golden Anniversary Certificate, obtain your forms from Ethel, the Executive Secretary of the National Chapter, or either Liz or me from our local chapter. Don't wait until the last minute. Formal presentations will be made at the Old Timer's Dinner if received and processed in time.

Seasons Greetings. Try to keep solvent, and hope to see you at the Quarterly meeting on January 22nd.

Stan, W3TFA

19th OLD TIMER'S DINNER
Saturday, March 8
Washingtonian Motel, Gaithersburg, Md.

YEARBOOK ERRATA

There is a good deal of updating needed in the 1974 Yearbook - since the cut-off date for material going to the printer was nearly six months ago. There were also a few Murphy type errors that crept in.

It doesn't seem logical to try to list all the changes in the Newsletter at this time. We are working on a total update of the records re 50 year awards, Life Memberships, etc. and will try to have everything up-to-date when the supplemental call book comes out - hopefully next spring or summer. Please bear with us until then.

There are a few changes which probably should be made, however. So please make the following notations in your Yearbook.

- Page 1 Add Spaceport Chapter(Melbourne, FL)
(Now also add Muskegon, MI; Central California Coast; Blue Ridge, N.C.; Northern New Jersey; Lubbock, TX and Sunflower Chapter in Kansas.)
Correct spelling of Suwannee Chapter
- Page 3 1st para. Should have been, "located in 33 states..."
3rd para. Correct spelling of Citrus Chapter
- Page 20 W2BX should be K2BX
- Page 28 W2JI address 23 Morningside Ct; Pennington, N.J. 08534
- Page 35 W2TAX address Irving, N.J.
- Page 55 W4EXS address 1979 Tanglewood Drive N.E.
- Page 58 K4HE address North Palm Beach
- Page 59 W4ITD address 1230 S.E. Ninth
- Page 60 K4JPF Wm. Willmot
- Page 61 K4RR Dr. D.B. Appleton; 107 Newport Road
Hendersonville, N.C. 28739
- Page 61 W4KYV should be W4KTV
- Page 72 W5EDW should be Howard Dreggors
- Page 72 W5GI should be Lon Wainman
- Page 76 W5KR address 132 Sally Lane
- Page 79 K5QZ - delete - should be K4QZ
- Page 107 W7ENO should be W7FNC
- Page 107 W7KHG should be W7GHG
- Page 108 W7HNT should be Kenneth E. Lohner; Box 597; Shoshone, Idaho 83352
- Page 110 W7KIH address 9842 N. 35th
- Page 117 W8EIR should be Alvine Eastman (YL)
- Page 120 W8IHx should be Clarkston, MI
- Page 124 W8PRL should be 3504 Snowglen Lane
- Page 125 W8SJS should be Hugh O'Neill
- Page 126 W8TIL should be W8TLL; 2186 Newport
- Page 129 W9BCC should be Stevens Point, WI
- Page 141 W0KVO address 533 Wildwood Rd
- Page 142 W0OED now W6RGN

Many other changes in call, address, status, etc. probably took place after the cut-off date. They will be corrected in the next book. Everything considered, we think Gus Girona did a great job on the yearbook and deserves much credit for the tremendous effort he put out under most difficult conditions. Let him know you appreciate all he has done.

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an amateur radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown.

Dues are payable with the application - \$7.00 for three years, \$14.00 for six years, or \$35.00 for Life Membership. An entry fee of \$3.00 is assessed with the first dues payment.

CHAPTER CHARTER

QCWA Chapters may be formed, upon approval of the Board of Directors, by petition of at least ten QCWA members in good standing living in the same geographical area.

CERTIFICATES

Membership certificates, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members.

Golden Anniversary certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in amateur radio.

A most impressive "Meritorious Award" is issued to individuals upon request of their chapter and justification to the Board of Directors.

A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three QSO parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently.

An "Operating Award" certificate is issued to each member of QCWA who proves contact with 100 QCWA members.

QCWA SUPPLIES

QCWA emblem pins, Gold plated, with call	\$3.00
QCWA emblem screw button, " "	\$3.00
Small QCWA Logo (For QSLs)	\$5.00
Large QCWA Logo (For stationery)	\$5.75
500 Red stamps for Regular Members	\$1.25
500 Yellow stamps for Life Members	\$1.75
500 stamps imprinted "50 years in Amateur Radio"	\$2.00
Blazer emblem, QCWA Logo	\$2.00
QCWA decal (4 inch)	.25
Decals indicating years in ham radio: 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 62 years	Free
Chapter banners *	\$27.00

*Free to chapters having 50 or more members.

(All prices are subject to change.)



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W2SF NCS East, W2AIM Alt
W6FQ NCS West

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